

Staff Summary of Recommendations Science-Policy Forums

*preliminary draft, please refer to full recommendations for complete review

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Existing relevant 2009 Program Section:

Existing 2009 Program Section II.9.b (page 25), Science and Policy Exchanges

Over view

Many entities recommended the Council continue the science and policy exchanges and forums that were called for in the existing program. Some specific topics, such as climate change, toxics and eulachon, were suggested as being timely for a science policy exchange.

Recommendation Summary and Synthesis

1. Priorities for Council focused effort

- a. Many recommenders, including ODFW (3), USRTF (28), CRITFC (14), Grand Ronde Tribe (18), Burns Paiute Tribe (12) and Salish and Kootenai Tribe (16) cited the following common language: Through the five years of this program , we recommend the following priority topics, as others as they arise, for Council engagement: ... Science/Policy forums - variety of topics including climate change, toxics, eulachon...

2. Keep current program language

- a. WDFW (4) recommends the Council maintain the current language with emphasis on the use of science/management forums to establish research priorities.

3. Convening

- a. NOAA (30) recommends: the Council has already hosted successful science/policy exchange forums and we encourage it to continue in this role.

4. Council subcommittee

- a. Native Fish Society (60) recommends: the Council establish a subcommittee to work with the ISAB and other science panels to establish a solution to the gap between science and policy. The outcome should be an improved integration of science into the Council's decision making process.